



Current Competition

- General/Open Competition
- Voluntary Pre-proposals
- Technology Boards
 - ✓ Initial self identification of technology area by proposer
 - ✓ Final "home" for proposal determined by board based on core innovation
 - ✓ Four technology boards for 2000 Competition
 - Biotechnology
 - Chemistry & Materials
 - Electronics & Photonics
 - Information Technology
- Awards made by end of Fiscal Year



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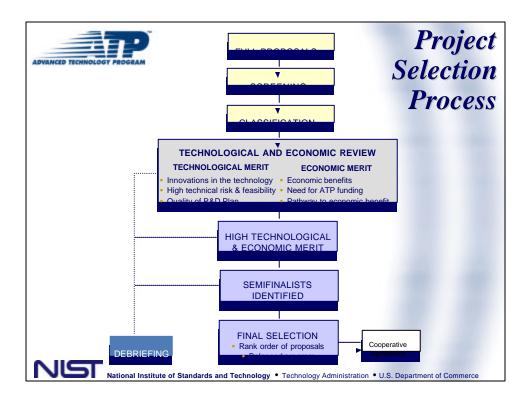
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In Previous Years

- General Competition
- Focused Competitions (94, 95, 97, 98)
- 94 and 95 FC had designated funding per area
- 97 and 98 FC **did not have** designated funding per area

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Overview of Structures

GENERAL

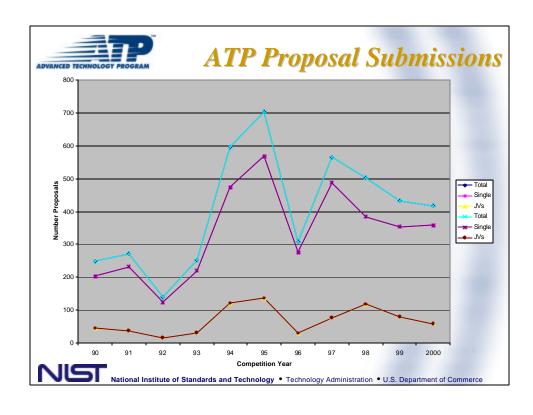
- Rigorous peer review and board deliberations
- Decisions based on technical and economic criteria
- General technology boards – no scope restrictions

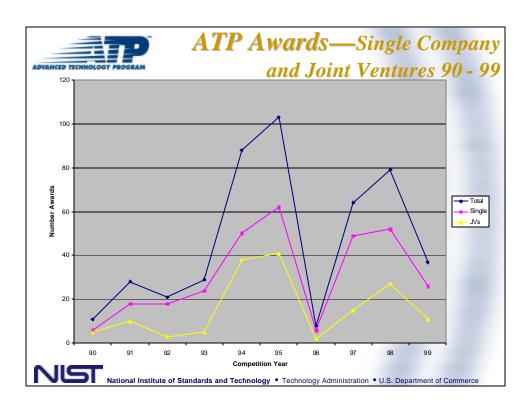
FOCUSED PROGRAMS

- Rigorous peer review and board deliberations
- Decisions based on technical and economic criteria
- Proposals must be within scope to be competitive
- Program definition established by industry



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Operational Goals for All Competitions

- Responsive to industry
- Scalable to meet increased volume
- Maintain integrity of process
- Ability to staff and have resources to meet requirements
- System allows for consistency and fairness
- Provides foundation for quality processes
- Success can be measured
- Flexibility



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DISCUSSION



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